

STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

**COMMISSION FOR THE REVISION OF THE
RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

FIVE YEAR BUDGET 2001-2005

Professional Competence New Cost Center

4211- Staff - Travel - \$10,000

Estimated Cost of Travel for Staff (including the Reporter) to Attend Meetings and Related Events.

4211.10 - Volunteer - Travel - \$87,000

Estimated Cost of Travel (including Air, Ground, Hotel and Meals) for the 14 commission members to attend Los Angeles and San Francisco meetings and other events related to the Commission's work.

4213- Meeting Room Rental \$10,000

Estimated room rental cost of \$400 per meeting for 25 meetings. State Bar facilities will be used to conserve costs to the extent feasible.

4214- Catering - \$12,500

Estimated average cost of catering at \$500 per meeting for 25 meetings.

4312 - Stationery and Related Supplies - \$1,000

Estimated cost of binders, index tabs, miscellaneous supplies associated with the start-up and maintenance of the Commission's work.

4314 - Postage - \$3,500

Estimated cost of mailing meeting agenda materials and related costs in connection with public comment.

4315 - Telephone - \$1,500

Estimated cost of conference calls and related telephone expenses.

4516- Copier/Printing - \$2,500

Estimated cost of copying and/or printing meeting agenda, public comment, Board and Supreme Court and related materials.

4317 - Outside Services - \$150,000

Estimated cost to retain a non-State Bar staff employee Reporter to attend all Commission meetings and record and report the actions and activities of the Commission including also court reporter and related expenses for recording public hearings.

Total Five Year Budget: \$278,000

Schedule:

This is a multi-year project. The last effort of the Commission began in 1985 with initial action by the Supreme Court in 1989 adopting the revised rules and further action of the Court in 1992 adopting supplemental revisions to the rules. The process entails the Commission developing its

initial work product; that work product being considered by the Board's Committee on Regulation and Discipline ("CORD"); that work product being developed and circulated for public comment; the results of the public comment being evaluated and incorporated into the Commission's work product; the Board of Governors adopting the final work product and recommending adoption of by the California Supreme Court; submission of the State Bar's recommendations to the Supreme Court; and the Supreme Court's deliberative process and final action on rule revisions.

The Commission is planning its initial orientation meeting for the summer of 2001. The remainder of 2001 will be occupied with gathering relevant empirical data on the experience under the current rules (e.g., the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel, State Bar Court, Ethics Hotline, and other constituencies will be invited to identify issues that exist with the existing rules) and with a review of the ABA's Ethics 2000 process, the Restatement, the MDP, MJP and other reports that have become available. The Commission's initial work product is expected to be completed in 2003 with a report to CORD and the Board of Governors intended for public comment. Extensive public hearings and public comment will take place in 2003 and 2004. Further adjustments taking into consideration the public comment will occur in 2004 followed by Board action and the Supreme Court filing seeking final approval of the proposed amendments in 2004 and 2005.

Staffing:

Staffing will be provided through the State Bar's Professional Competence Unit. Additional support staffing will be available from the Office of the Executive Director/Secretary, the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel and the Office of General Counsel. The budget also includes funding for a non-staff official Commission Reporter.